Status and Future Plan of the Spectroscopy of Pionic Atom

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Introduction: Deeply Bound Pionic Atoms



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Conventional Method to Produce Pionic Atom



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Slow pion bomberded on target nucleus deexcitation absorption

For heavy nuclei $\Gamma_{abs} > \Gamma_{deex}$

Pion is absorbed by the nucleus before they reach the deeply bound state.

Little sensitivity to in medium properties

Missing-Mass Spectroscopy of (d,³He) reaction



Missing-Mass spectroscopy

$$Q = (M_d + M_{122Sn}) - (M_{121Sn} + M_{\pi} - \underline{B.E._{\pi}} + M_{3He})$$
$$= T_{3He} + \underline{T_{piA}} - T_d$$
determined by momentum of ³He

Missing-Mass Spectroscopy of (d,³He) reaction



Small momentum transfer → small angular momentum transfer s states are selectively populated

Previous Experiments at GSI



Pionic atoms with Pb and Sn isotopes were observed.

Precision of b₁ in Previous Experiments with (d,³He)



Chiral condensate is reduced by 35% at ho_0

Experiment at RI Beam Factory

Experiment at RIBF



Intense d beam $(10^{12}/s)$ is supplied by SRC 50 times stronger than GSI synchrotron

Systematic Study at RIBF



Measured at GSI

Systematic Study at RIBF Isotopes and Isotones chain near Sn



pionic atoms with isotopes and isotones near Sn

Systematic Study at RIBF





Target in Pilot Experiment

Experiment Setup: BigRIPS Spectrometer



³He position and angle are measured at F5 dispersive focal plane.

Particle Identification



Background were identified by measuring ToF and ΔE

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Pilot Experiment Result: ³He Spectrum at F5



Pilot Experiment Result: Comparison to Theory



*N. Ikeno et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 47, 161 (2011)

Pilot Experiment Result: Comparison to Theory



Qualitatively good agreement.

• Pionic ¹²¹Sn 1s, 2s, 2p states were observed for the first time

Analysis is ongoing...

Summary and Outlook of The First Half

Summary

 Spectroscopy of deeply bound pionic atoms reveals the restoration of chiral symmetry at finite density.

- •We are conducting a systematic measurement of pionic atoms at RIBF.
- In the pilot experiment we succeeded in observing pionic atom of ¹²¹Sn for the first time.

Outlook

- •We are finalizing the analysis of the pilot experiment.
- •We are preparing for main experiment, in which several targets are employed.

Future Plan Spectroscopy with Inverse Kinematics

Experimental Method: Inverse Kinematics



Pionic Atom with Unstable Nuclei



Pion is bound by an unstable nucleus

Pionic Atom with Stable Nuclei



Density which pion probes is about 0.6 ρ_0 regardless of the nuclear species or pion orbits

Only $\langle |\overline{q}q| \rangle$ around 0.6 ρ_0 is evaluated by pionic atoms with stable nuclei

N. Ikeno et al., PTP126(2011)483.

Physics Motivation: Pionic Atom with Unstable Nuclei



Pion-Nucleus Interaction

$$V_{s-wave} = b_0 \rho + b_1 (\rho_n - \rho_p) + B_0 \rho^2$$

Neutron-Pion: Repulsive!

Physics Motivation: Pionic Atom with Unstable Nuclei



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Neutron-Pion: Repulsive!

Pion is pushed outward Different density lower than 0.6 ρ_0 is probed

Density dependence of $|\langle \overline{q}q
angle |$ will be deduced

Experimental Method: Inverse Kinematics



Momentum of ³He should be determined precisely $\Delta p/p \sim 0.1\%$

Experimental Setup and Method for Inverse Kinematics

Conceptual Design: Active Target TPC



Track of beam and recoil He are measured.

Experimental Method: Missing-Mass Measurement



Known

Should be

measured

For the missing-mass measurement,

- •kinetic energy of the incident beam *
- •momentum of ³He at reaction point

Experimental Method: Missing-Mass Measurement



³He energy is measured at Si
 Δ E deduced from track length
 θ deduced from track



 p_{3He} at reaction point

Resolution and Yield Estimation

Goal of Resolution and yield

Resolution	$\Delta Q(FWHM) < 1 MeV$
Yield	10 ² /day (for 1s state)



• Peak spacing is about 1 MeV • comparable yield with normal kinematics for 10 days datataking

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Conditions of the estimation

TPC position resolution $\sim 500 \,\mu$ m Si detector energy resolution $\sim 0.1\%(\sigma)$

Resolution

Cause	∆Q (FWHM) [keV]
Energy Resolution of Si at T _{He} ~ 60 MeV σ _{Si} = 0.1 %	
Energy Straggling of ³ He in TPC	
Vertex Reconstruction With Incident Beam $\sigma_{\text{TPC}} = 500 \ \mu\text{m}$	
Total	

Resolution

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Energy Resolution of Si at T _{He} ~ 60 MeV σ _{Si} = 0.1 %	~ 350
Energy Straggling of ³ He in TPC	~ 350
Vertex Reconstruction With Incident Beam σ_{TPC} = 500 μ m	~ 130
Total	~ 500

Yield Estimation

Target	D ₂ gas (1 atm, 293.15 K) 100 cm
Beam Intensity [/s]	I×I0 ⁶
Cross Section [µb]	2.54×10⁻¹
Yield [/day]	I.I×10 ²

Conceptual design fulfills requirement

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Resolution	Δ Q(FWHM) ~ 500keV
Yield	1.1*10 ² /day (for 1s state)

We can attain sufficient yield and reoslution with active target TPC

Test of Silicon detectors



We have started to develop the detector now testing the silicon detector

Summary

•We are conducting a systematic measurement of pionic atoms at RIBF

 In the pilot experiment we succeeded in observing pionic atoms of ¹²¹Sn for the first time

•We are planning for the spectroscopy of pionic atoms with inverse kinematics.

 Spectroscopy by inverse kinematics is feasible with active-target TPC

Sensitivity to Neutron Skin



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TPC



